

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE REQUEST OF B & H GAS COMPANY)	
FOR APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY PURCHASES)	
OF NATURAL GAS FROM KENTUCKY-WEST)	CASE NO. 8475
VIRGINIA GAS COMPANY FOR 120 DAYS)	
AND APPROVAL OF A SURCHARGE)	

O R D E R

On March 10, 1982, the Commission entered its Order in the above case authorizing B & H Gas Company ("B & H ") to make emergency gas purchases from Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company ("Kentucky-West") for a period of 120 days beginning December 1, 1981, and to recover the additional cost of the emergency purchases in the form of a surcharge in the amount of 30 cents per Mcf applied to billings for the months of March, April, May and June, 1982.

By letter to the Commission dated July 31, 1982, Mr. Avery Harmon, President, B & H, stated that the billing months to which the surcharge was applied did not provide sufficient revenues to pay Kentucky-West for gas purchased from December, 1981, through March, 1982, and requested that the Commission grant an extension of the surcharge to allow recovery of this expense.

B & H also submitted information directed to be furnished pursuant to the Order entered March 10, 1982, including the cost of the emergency gas purchases (\$5,622.46) and the revenues collected from the surcharge (\$1,998.30).

The Commission, having considered the request and being advised, HEREBY ORDERS that B & H be and it hereby is authorized to bill a surcharge of 30 cents per Mcf applied to monthly billings until the cost of the emergency gas purchases from Kentucky-West from December, 1981, through March, 1982, has been recovered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That B & H shall file quarterly reports with the Commission commencing November 1, 1982, reflecting the revenues obtained from the surcharge and the balance of the obligation to Kentucky-West, the reports to be submitted until the expense is fully recovered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That B & H shall take appropriate steps to prevent circumstances necessitating emergency gas purchases in the future.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of August, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin M. Voth
Chairman

Katherine Randall
Vice Chairman

Ann Carreger
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary